No. 3396 P.





JUN 2 2 2004

KCI TOWER BUILDING 8023 Vantage Drive, Ste. 540 San Antonio, TX 78230

FAX COVER SHEET

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: The documents accompanying this telecopy transmission contain confidential information which is legally privileged. The information is intended only for the use of the recipient named below. If you have received this telecopy in error, please immediately notify us by telephone, to arrange for return of the original documents to us, and you are hereby notified that any disclosure, copying distribution, or the taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this telecopied information is strictly prohibited.

Date:

June 22, 2004

No. of Pages: 8

TQ:

Mail Stop Amendment

COMPANY: USPTO

FAX:

703-872-9306

FROM:

Eric Cernyar

DEPARTMENT:

Legal

FAX:

210 255 6969

PHONE:

210 255 6223

Re:

Application No.: 10/785,547

Date Filed: 24 February 2004

First Named Inventor: Heaton, Keith Patrick

Art Unit: 3739 Examiner: N/A

Confirmation No.: 8146 Customer No.: 30159

Attorney Docket No.: COO.441.A

Enclosed please find:

Transmittal Form

Preliminary Amendment

Respectfully Submitted, Eric W. Cernyar (210) 863-0063 (phone)

Signature

22 June 2004

PTQ/\$B/21 (02-04) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. **Application Number** 10/785,547 TRANSMITTAL Filing Date 24 February, 2004 **FORM** First Named Inventor Heaton, Keith Patrick Art Unit (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) 3739 Examiner Name N/A Attorney Docket Number 7 COO.441A.US Total Number of Pages in This Submission **ENCLOSURES** (Check all that apply) After Allowance communication Fee Transmittal Form Drawing(s) to Technology Center (TC) Appeal Communication to Board Fee Attached Licensing-related Papers of Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to TC 1 Petition Amendment/Reply (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) Petition to Convert to a Proprietary Information After Final Provisional Application Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Affidavits/declaration(s) Change of Correspondence Address Other Enclosure(s) (please Terminal Disclaimer Extension of Time Request Identify below): Request for Refund Express Abandonment Request CD, Number of CD(s) Information Disclosure Statement Remarks Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Eric W. Cernyar, Reg. No. 45,919 Individual name Signature Date 22 June 2004 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimite transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below. Typed or printed name Eric W. Cernyar Date

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.6. The Information is equired to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

man

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.